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Search Report

A. Classification of the subject matter of the application in accordance with the international patent classification (IPC)

IPC 07
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B. Areas researched

Class/Group	Examiner	Patent Department
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C. Result of the printed publication inquiry

Cat.	Discovered Publications	Explanations	Claims in Question	IPC/ID
Y	GB 20 70 189 A	Fig. 1,2	1-3, 6-8, 10, 11	F 16H 55/12
Y	US 29 23 166		1-4, 6-8	F 16H 55/17
X	US 14 12 706	Fig. 2-5	1-4, 6-8, 10, 11	F 16H 55/12
Y	JP 2001-1 24 181 A	Abstract	1,6,7, 10	F 16H 55/17

Explanations Regarding Section C

Categories

X: Printed publications, which alone call into question the novelty or the presence of inventive activity (Par. 43 Patent Act)/of an inventive step (Par. 7 GebrMG)

Y: Printed publications, which, together with other printed publications, call into question the presence of inventive activity (Par. 43 Patent Act)/of an inventive step (Par. 7 GebrMG)

E. Date of completing the research: 7/21/04

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